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FOR SSM

FOR KONTOS ONLY FROM HUNT

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC, APER  
SUBJECT: SECURITY

REFS: A) STATE 30770, B) SINAI 2905

1. COMPREHENSIVE MEETINGS HELD AT SFM ON FEBRUARY 11 1978  
TO REVIEW SECURITY OFFICER NEEDS HERE. ATTENDEES WERE HUNT,  
SPRAGUE, PENDLETON, SCHEEL (RSO TEL AVIV), GARRETT (RSS NAIROBI),  
WOLFE, KAPPLE AND NEAL.

2. I CHAIRED MORNING MEETING, IN WHICH I PROVIDED  
DETAILED CONCERNS ON SECURITY MATTERS, REPORTED IN GENERAL  
TERMS BY REF A. THAT I FEEL THE ABSENCE OF FULL TIME SECURITY  
OFFICER LEAVES SFM MANAGEMENT WITH INADEQUATE BASIS FOR DECISION  
MAKING WHEN SECURITY PROBLEMS ARISE. THESE PROBLEMS ENCOMPASS  
SUCH ISSUES AS COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY WHEN LEAVING BASE CAMP,  
ADEQUATE AND NECESSARY PROTECTION FOR TRAVELERS ON OFFICIAL  
BUSINESS OR R&R IN EGYPT, ISRAEL, OR SINAI, WATCH STATION  
SECURITY INCLUDING TRAVEL OF SHIFT OPERATORS, LACK OF SECURITY  
CHANNEL BY WHICH TO REGULARLY MONITOR POLITICAL, MILITARY AND  
INTELLIGENCE ANALYSES REGARDING SINAI AND CONTINGUOUS AREAS,  
AND SEVERAL MORE IN SIMILAR VEIN.

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3. MESSRS. GARRETT AND SCHEEL, ATTENDING IN RESPONSE TO REF B,  
PROVIDED GROUP WITH ASSESSMENT OF BENEFITS AND POTENTIAL  
ASSISTANCE SECURITY OFFICER WOULD BRING TO SFM. THESE WOULD  
INCLUDE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE TO GUARD FORCE, BRIEFINGS FOR  
CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES IF NECESSARY, LIAISON WITH EMBASSY  
PERSONNEL IN TEL AVIV AND CAIRO ON SECURITY MATTERS, LIAISON

WITH UNEF MILITARY POLICE AND GHANBATT SECURITY FORCES, PROVIDING SECURITY BRIEFING TO INCOMING PERSONNEL AND HOLDING EXIT INTERVIEWS; HANDLE THE PROCESSING OF EGYPTIAN ID CARDS, MONITOR AND GENERALLY ASSIST IN OPERATING PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEM. OBVIOUSLY THIS IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE LIST, BUT IS INTENDED TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THINGS NOW BEING HANDLED ON UNCOORDINATED BASIS OR NOT HANDLED AT ALL.

4. PENDLETON READ LANGUAGE IN ARTICLE III OF CONTRACT COVERING CONDUCT OF FIELD MISSION PERSONNEL, AND POINTED OUT NEED TO ASSURE THAT ESY CONTRACTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN SFM AND EWS ARE NOT DILUTED OR UNDULY HAMPERED. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE PROBLEMS ENSUED. GROUP AGREED THAT ESY SHOULD CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER ESY PERSONNEL UNDER PRESENT POLICIES, BUT CONTRACTOR WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS ON SECURITY ASPECTS FROM USG OFFICER. MAIN FOCUS OF SECURITY OFFICER, IF HE MATERIALIZES, WOULD BE NON-CONTRACTUAL ASPECTS OF OUR ACTIVITIES, THOUGH IT COULD IMPACT ESY FROM PROCEDURAL STANDPOINT.

5. ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS HAS BEEN HELD SINCE FEBRUARY 11 WITH SFM PERSONNEL AND PENDLETON OVER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SECURITY OFFICER AND GUARD FORCE. OTHER ASPECTS OF SECURITY OFFICER ROLE AT SFM DO NOT APPEAR TO DIRECTLY IMPACT CONTRACT OPERATIONS. DIRECTOR WISHES SECURITY OFFICER TO HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO GUARDS THROUGH GUARD SUPERVISOR FOR PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE ON SECURITY MATTERS, AND ESY HAS BEEN RELUCTANT TO AGREE. AFTER SEVERAL CONFIDENTIAL

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SESSIONS BOTH WOLFE AND PENDLETON THINK MATTER CAN BE WORKED OUT MUTUALLY. ALL AGREE NO CONTRACT CHANGES WOULD BE EFFECTED THROUGH SECURITY OFFICER ALONE. WE BELIEVE ROLE OF SECURITY OFFICER VIS-A-VIS ESY CAN BE HANDLED IN A MODIFIED AND SPECIFICALLY TAILORED "TECHNICAL DIRECTION" CLAUSE. WE WILL BE WORKING ON LANGUAGE NEXT FEW DAYS AND WILL CABLE YOU A DRAFT FOR COMMENT.

6. I FEEL WE HAVE SUFFICIENTLY OVERCOME BASIC OBSTACLES SO THAT I CAN NOW ASK THAT YOU REQUEST FROM SY A FIVE OR SIX MONTH TDY OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED SECURITY OFFICER TO WORK WITH US ON ABOVE MATTERS AND TEST OPERATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS. THIS WILL GIVE US SUFFICIENT TIME GET PROGRAM UNDER PROPER CONTROL AND YET NOT AUTOMATICALLY COMMIT US TO PERMANENT ARRANGEMENT.

7. WE WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS ON THE OUTCOME OF OUR DISCUSSIONS IN WHICH THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE ALL TAKEN REALISTIC AND OBJECTIVE APPROACH TO OUR NEEDS.  
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